



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 129

January Session, 2017

* SB00129ENV 030217 *

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF MUSHROOMS AT STATE
PARKS AND ON OTHER STATE PROPERTY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 23-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
4 adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 for
5 the maintenance of order, safety and sanitation upon the lands under
6 the commissioner's control and for the protection of trees and other
7 property and the preservation of the natural beauty thereof and fix
8 penalties not exceeding a fine of ninety dollars for violation of such
9 regulations. The commissioner may prohibit the possession or
10 consumption of alcoholic beverages on such lands provided, for any
11 such lands where the consumption or possession of alcoholic
12 beverages was not prohibited by the commissioner as of October 1,
13 1999, the commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
14 provisions of chapter 54, to prohibit such activity. Such regulations
15 shall be posted in conspicuous places upon such lands. Any person
16 who violates any such regulation shall have committed an infraction
17 and may pay the fine by mail or plead not guilty under the provisions
18 of section 51-164n. The provisions of section 51-164m shall not apply to
19 this section. Any person convicted of a violation of such regulations or

20 who forfeits a bond taken upon any such complaint may be prohibited
 21 from entering any state park by the commissioner for not more than
 22 one year from the date of such conviction.

23 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section
 24 and any regulation adopted pursuant to said subsection, the
 25 commissioner shall authorize any person to take mushrooms from any
 26 lands under the control of the commissioner provided such taking is
 27 for personal use only. The state shall have no liability to any person or
 28 the heirs or assigns of any such person who engages in the taking of
 29 mushrooms from any lands under the control of the commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2017	23-4
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